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SUBJECT: NEW AFGHAN AMBASSADOR APPOINTED TO BAGHDAD

1. THE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED AUGUST 8 THAT FAIZ MOHAMMAD, CURRENTLY AFGHAN AMBASSADOR TO INDEONESIA, HAS BEEN APPOINTED AMBASSADOR TO IRAQ.

2. FAIZ MOHA TAD, WHO NOW HOLDS THE MILITARY RANK OF LT. COLONEL, IS IN HIS LATE THIRITIES, AND WAS A CAREER MILITARY OFFICER AT THE TIME OF THE JULY 1973 COUP LED BY MOHAMMAD DAOUD. THE AMBASSADOR PLAYED A KEY ROLE IN THAT TAKEOVER, AND WAS REWARDED WITH THE INTERIOR MINISTRY PORTFOLIO IN THE FIRST DAOUD CABINET. THE PREVIOUS REGIME, HOWEVER, UNDERTOOK A PROGRAM OF GRADUALLY ELIMINATING SUSPECTED LEFTISTS FROM POSITIONS OF INFLUENCE, AND BECAUSE FAIZ MOHAMMAD WAS GENERALLY BELIEVED TO HAVE HAD FAIRLY CLOSE TIES WITH THE AFGHAN LEFT, HE WAS DEMOTED TO FRONTIER AFFAIRS MINISTER IN 1975, AND WAS SENT TO INDONESIA IN MAY OF 1977.

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3. FAIZ MOHAMMAD RECEIVED SOME MILITARY TRAINING IN THE USSR, SPEAKS RUSSIAN, AND IS GENERALLY BELIEVED TO BE WELL-DISPOSED TOWARD THE SOVIET UNION. AT THE SAME TIME, HOWEVER, HE IS PROUD OF HIS PUSHTUN TRIBAL BACKGROUND, AND THUS PROBABLY HARBORS FAIRLY STRONG NATIONALIST FEELINGS ALONG WITH WHATEVER LEFTIST SYMPATHIES HE MAY POSSESS. HE REPORTEDLY IS ACQUAINTED WITH MOST OF

THE MEMBERS OF THE NEW LEADERSHIP, BUT APPARENTLY
THE REIME PREFERRED AT THIS POINT TO ASSIGN MITO ANOTHER
DIPLOMATIC POST, RATHER THAN TO GIVE HIM A MORE RESPONSIBLE
POSITION WITHIN THE COUNTRY.
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